



## **Laurel Hill Update**

**By the Laurel Hill Project Advisory  
Citizens Oversight Committee**

**December 2005 – January 2006**

The Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee was established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in February 2005 to monitor the development of the Reformatory and Penitentiary area at Laurel Hill, adjacent to Silverbrook Road in Lorton, VA.

This committee-sponsored electronic newsletter is provided to keep citizens informed about adaptive reuse and other developments at Laurel Hill.

### ***January 18, 2006 Oversight Committee Meeting***

#### **Out-Of-Turn Plan Amendment**

On February 7, 2005, the Board of Supervisors authorized an Out-Of-Turn Plan Amendment to reflect the Laurel Hill Task Force recommendations accepted by the Board on December 6, 2004.

At the January 18, 2006 Oversight Committee meeting, the members reviewed and approved its recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the Laurel Hill Task Force recommendations.

The Oversight Committee received some citizen comments prior to the start of the meeting. These comments will be incorporated, as appropriate, into the revised Plan text. The Oversight Committee's recommended amendments will be posted once all comments are incorporated into a revised version of the Plan Amendment text.

The Department of Planning and Zoning is scheduled to publish its Plan Amendment report during the first week of March 2006. This will be followed by a public review period of approximately four weeks. A tentative hearing date for the Proposed Plan Amendment is scheduled before the Fairfax County Planning Commission in late March.

#### **Request For Proposal – Schedule**

The Department of Planning and Zoning has recommended the following revised schedule for the Request For Proposal (RFP):

- **Week of January 23, 2006:** RFP is posted for public review and comment (This includes the required review and comment by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board and the Lorton Heritage Society). Note: as of this posting the RFP is scheduled to be posted the week of January 30, 2006.
- **February 27, 2006:** Comments on RFP due from VDHR, ARB, LHS and general public. Note: reviewing groups and the general public will be given a minimum of 30 days to provide comments on the draft RFP.
- **March 13, 2006:** Distribution of RFP
- **June 9, 2006:** RFP responses due to Fairfax County
- **End of July – early August 2006:** Recommendations to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

## *December 6, 2005 Oversight Committee Meeting*

### **Reformatory – Penitentiary Project Manager**

The Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force recommendations include hiring a project manager for the Reformatory – Penitentiary reuse project. A suitable candidate has not been identified through the County's recruitment process. The Oversight Committee believes this is due in part to the current salary range for the position.

At the December 6, 2005 Oversight Committee meeting, committee members approved the following recommendation:

The Oversight Committee recommends the hiring of a project manager for the Reformatory – Penitentiary reuse project as a limited term county employee at a base salary of \$90,000, with the salary range to be determined. A periodic project review should determine whether the position is needed and extended.

As of January 2006, the County has not identified a candidate for the project manager position.

### **Next Oversight Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at the Mt. Vernon Government Center**

*The Oversight Committee's next electronic newsletter will be published in March 2006.*

*Additional information about the land use plans for Laurel Hill, including parkland and adaptive reuse areas are available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/)*